

IN NATAL  
TOMORROW.

Believe That the Boers Will Be  
There to Combine With  
the Burghers.

## MAY RAID LADYSMITH

And Destroy the Railroad That Is Im-  
portant to British.

## MISMANAGEMENT APPARENT.

British War Office Has Not Been in Good  
Hands and the British Are Not  
Not Ready to Go Ahead—  
Boers Have the Larger  
Force Ready.

Special to News-Democrat.

Pretoria, Oct. 2.—The most intense excitement prevails here. It is generally believed that the Boers will be in Natal tomorrow. Six hundred Orange Free State burghers assembled in Albertina yesterday and started for the Natal border. They probably intend to raid Ladysmith and co-operate with the Boer leaders in the destruction of the railroad below that place. Albertina is not far over the frontier on the Orange Free State. Ladysmith can also be reached by road to the south. The position of the British frontier posts in Natal is now most critical. There are from 10,000 to 20,000 Boers in the British of Delport, just to the other side of Laingsnek, awaiting the word to cross the frontier. The strongest British positions are Newcastle and Dundee but these are not strong enough to cope with the force of the Boers can put in Natal. The mismanagement of the British war office in Natal becomes daily more apparent.

## BRITISH PLANS.

London, Oct. 2.—Your correspondent learned on the highest authority that the British plan of campaign in the event of war in the Transvaal is, first to avoid hostilities as long as possible and then to act purely on the defensive, holding the frontier posts against the Boers until December, when the full British force of 50,000 men will begin to advance into the Transvaal. If fighting begins at once the war office expects to hear of Boer successes, as they outnumber the British three to one. The invasion of the Transvaal is impossible before Christmas. Meanwhile, Boer raids into Natal and Cape Colony are unavoidable.

## FIGHTING EXPECTED.

Capetown, Oct. 2.—Fighting between the British and Boers is momentarily expected here. The dispatch of troops to guard the frontier to the south and west of the Transvaal and Orange Free state goes on day and night.

## COMMANDEERING.

Bloemfontein, Oct. 2.—Dr. Wilson, a prominent English physician, has been commandeered by the Free State government. Commandeering, which consists in demanding the return of burghers absent from the country under heavy penalty, is being rigidly enforced in the case of absent burghers.

## MAY INTERFERE.

Paris, Oct. 2.—The Figaro says that Queen Wilhelmina asks Emperor William to intervene in the Transvaal crisis.

## TO VOTE FUNDS.

London, Oct. 2.—It is announced that parliament will meet October 17th. Parliament is summoned by the government to share in the responsibility for events in South Africa, and to vote funds for the war office. The session will doubtless be stormy, but the budget will go through. The war and colonial office are working night and day. In addition to the overwhelming details to be mastered in connection with the South African campaign, a sharp eye must be kept on British defenses in the India and Asiatic possessions. The war office is meeting with obstacles in securing transportation to South Africa of horses, mules and supplies. The opinion here is general that the hostilities will begin before the week is past, if not by Wednesday. In many quarters no reply to England's late note is expected other than a dash of 20,000 Boers into Natal. It is reported that Sir Redvers Henry Buller, who will command the British South African forces in the field, will leave for the Cape on Friday with 1,200 troops.

## TOWN MEETING.

Mafeking, Cape Colony, Oct. 2.—A town meeting was held here last night at which an urgent appeal was made to Sir Alfred Milner to send help to the town, as the British frontier defenses are utterly inadequate.

## BUSINESS SUSPENDED.

Johannesburg, Oct. 2.—All the principal hotels and stores are closed here. Business has been abandoned and the city is given over to preparation for the impending war. Intense excitement prevails.

## AN UPRISING.

Aden, Arabia, Oct. 2.—An uprising in England's dependencies now that her attention is concentrated in South Africa, threatens to begin. A local militia, who declared himself to be the mahdi, is preparing to overrun the region of the berbers and the Somali coast in East Africa. Four hundred British troops will be sent from here to put down the disturbances and a native Indian regiment is expected to assist.

## ANOTHER REPORT.

London, Oct. 2.—The Pall Mall Gazette says this afternoon that the cabinet will not meet as was reported.

## BARKER ASSIGNED.

He Takes the Place of Sampson  
At the Norfolk Navy  
Yard.

Special to News-Democrat.

Washington, October 2.—Secretary Long has assigned Captain Albert S. Barker to command the Norfolk navy yards, relieving Rear Admiral Sampson, who takes command of the North Atlantic squadron. Baker had the Oregon at Manila, and temporarily relieved Admiral Dewey in command of the Asiatic forces. Barker will become junior rear admiral on October 10th, upon the retirement of Rear Admiral Howison.

NO SPEECHES  
IN THIS STATE.

President May Make a Few  
Short Talks from the Train.

## ESCHER POLITICAL SUBJECTS

That Is the Word That Comes from Wash-  
ington, but People Along the Line  
Are Already Making Prepara-  
tions for Speeches.

Special to News-Democrat.

Cleveland, Oct. 2.—A special from Washington to the Press says: The president has reached a decision as regards the speech making part of his passage through Ohio. There will be no such speeches. When it cannot be avoided he will say a few words from the rear of the car. This decision is not entirely in accord with the wishes of the Ohio campaign managers but it is as far as the president will go. The president will deliver speeches elsewhere on his western trip, notably to the soldiers who have returned from Manila. There is no doubt they will be with certain matters in which political parties are interested, but there will be no political talk in Ohio, nor will the president invade Nebraska, Bryan's state.

President McKinley is expected in Canton at about 11 o'clock Thursday. He is not going through on the Pennsylvania, but will transfer here from the Pennsylvania to the B. & O. line, taking the train for Akron at 11:45, over the C. T. & V. That is the present arrangement. Canton may do the same. Whether the president will make only little talks with no politics in them remains to be seen. Akron people are trying to get him to stop there and go up into Grace park, near the depot, and deliver a political address.

## BAD GOVERNMENT.

Venezuela Is in a State of Col-  
lapse and Will Not  
Recover.

Special to News-Democrat.

New York, Oct. 2.—H. T. Duke, of Philadelphia, was one of the passengers aboard the steamship Caracas which arrived here yesterday from Venezuela. "When I left Caracas it was evident that the days of Andrade's administration were numbered. The country is rotten to the core and is drifting to a point where foreign invasion will become inevitable. I think Germany will make the first break. We all felt relieved when the Detroit came down. She has already rendered residents a valuable service. My advice to Americans is to keep out of Venezuela until a better government is established."

## FATAL FIRES.

Several Persons Burned to Death  
in Various Cities in  
Three States.

Special to News-Democrat.

Bradford, Pa., Oct. 2.—The McManara brick, a wooden structure erected in the days of old excitement, was destroyed by fire at six o'clock this morning. Edward G. Bechtel, a shoe dealer, occupied the first floor. The second and third floors were occupied by roomers. Robert Brown, a negro, was burned to death. Jessie Boyle proved herself a heroine by rushing through the burning building and rousing sleeping occupants. Loss \$15,000.

## ONE SUFFOCATED.

Ashtabula, O., Oct. 2.—Fire broke out early this morning in the row of wooden buildings on the north side of bridge street. Tug Wilson, an old ferryman, known to every mariner on the lakes, was sleeping in a restaurant which was burned and he was suffocated. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

## WATERTOWN BLAZE.

Watertown, N. Y., Oct. 2.—A fire occurred at Pierpont manor near here this morning. It is reported that two women were burned to death.

## RETALIATION.

Town Will Be Destroyed in  
Payment of the Destroyed  
Gunboat.

Special to News-Democrat.

Manila, Oct. 2.—Several gunboats and an armored barge with a force of 250 sailors and marines have gone to Orani which town will be destroyed in retaliation for the loss of the gunboat Urdaneta, which was recently burned and scuttled by the insurgents.

THE CORNERSTONE LAID  
WITH FITTING CEREMONIES.

An Immense Crowd of People Take Part in  
the Exercises of the Day.

A Grand Parade to the Church Grounds, Where Church Digni-  
taries Had Assembled to Perform the Church Rites—

Addresses Made in German and English by  
Powerful Speakers.

Sunday was Catholic day in Canton. The laying of the corner stone of the new church of the Immaculate Conception in South Market street attracted thousands of Catholics from the surrounding towns and cities and when the hour arrived to form the parade the uptown district of the city was simply jammed with people. The day was ideal. The sun shone with undiminished brightness throughout the day and citizens from Canton together with the throng from out of town caused the streets to become congested when the parade arrived for the march to the new church, the local Knights of St. John and C. M. B. A. were kept busy visiting the various railway stations where the incoming delegations were received and escorted to East's hall, which was made headquarters for the visiting Knights and their friends during the day.

## DELEGATIONS ARRIVE.

The town was first stirred up by the arrival of the big Akron delegation which was accompanied by the K. O. T. M. band of that city. Akron always does things well and this was no exception. The delegation from that city included three branches of the C. M. B. A., Catholic Knights of Ohio, Catholic Young Men's Society, other societies, and two commanderies of the Knights of St. John.

A little later Canal Fulton, Canal Dover, Navarre, and Massillon came in with big crowds. Massillon sent its commandery of Knights of St. John and two branches of the C. M. B. A., also the Catholic order of Foresters, Knights of St. John and a branch of the C. M. B. A. Canal Dover, hustling little city of Tuscarawas county, was represented by Reeve's military band, a branch of the C. M. B. A., and a commandery of the Knights of St. John. Canal Fulton sent a band and a branch of the C. M. B. A.

Shortly before noon Louisville contributed its branch of the C. M. B. A. and Alliance came over with its commandery and branch of the C. M. B. A. These last named drove over in carriages. All were given a hearty welcome by the reception committee, and what had a most pleasant effect, an invitation to dinner.

## AT THE TABERNACLE.

Only those who have tried it know what a task it is to feed several thousand men. During the preparations for the laying of the corner stone of the new church the ladies of the south end determined to entertain the visiting Knights of St. John. These ladies have demonstrated their progressiveness on former occasions and it was accepted as a foregone conclusion that visitors the ladies would know what they had met the "real thing" in the generosity line when they met the ladies of the congregation of the new church.

For two days the big tabernacle has been the scene of busy preparation for the reception of visiting Knights. The walls were decorated and big gas cook stoves were arranged to prepare food. Three long tables covered with snowy linen extended down the center of the hall and about these tables Sunday during the noon hour might have been witnessed the busiest set of men and women ever congregated within the walls of the huge building. A thousand hungry Knights were filled to overflowing by these hospitable women and the dose was repeated after the exercises at the laying of the corner stone. A committee consisting of Messrs Samuel Becherer, W. B. Halter, Henry Harbert, Joseph Wagner, Theodore Schaubers and Joseph Volzer, of Canton, and John Lehmiller, of North Industry, did the work of seating the visitors but it was a big corps of loyal hustling women that did the heavy work of preparing the food and serving it to the guests of the day. The women worked like Trojans and if anyone left the tabernacle hungry it was not their fault. There were mountains of bread, hills of ham, beef, vealners and cheese, gallons of snowy oyster stew, coffee, and loads of other good things. A bevy of young girls and girls of older growth fairly flew from table to table waiting upon the hungry crowd. The women whose work deserves highest praise were: Mavina Volzer, Sarah Gotschall, Louisa Myers, Susan Douplin, Mary Bowerly, Magdalena Abien, Emma Bush, Catherine Heising, Mary Ream, Mary Epley, Ann Jordan, Anna Sacherer, Sarah Cordrey, Caroline Louys, Mary Wagner, Tillie Wagner, Bertha Aepfl, Louisa Wagner, Kate Elsworth, Mary McFadden, Bertha Texter, Lizzie Beckler, Carrie Drumenschlager, Catharine Monnot, Flora Duerr, Barbara Roric, Laura Becherer, Anna Steigenwald, Minnie Volzer, Maggie Gape, Mary Volzer, Mary Aepfl, Minnie Rukofsky, Bertha Weser, Clara Roric, Emma Schaubers, Catherine Wagner, Minnie Steintraeger, Lizzie Duerr, Frieda Weser, Clara Wagner, Emma Duerr and Lizzie Nelbert.

Col. Winom and members of his staff were entertained at dinner at the homes of prominent local members of the Knights of St. John.

The parade was to start promptly at 2 o'clock. Long before that hour thousands of people lined Market street from the square to the new church. The different commanderies of the Knights of St. John and branches of the C. M. B. A. formed in line in North Market street, the C. M. B. A. societies occupying the side streets so as to fall in when the command came to march. Everything was in perfect order and the companies awaited an order to fall in when word came that bishop Horstmann had not arrived and would be unable to come. Monsignor Thorpe, of the church of the Immaculate Conception, of Cleveland, was sent to represent the bishop. Confusion as to railway schedules delayed the dignitary who was forced to take the electric cars from Cleveland to Akron and drive across the country from that point. The drive was a fast one but Monsignor Thorpe did not arrive in Canton until 3 o'clock. Meanwhile the parade waited and the crowd grew. Hundreds of carriages came in on all the country roads and it seemed that every house in Canton had emptied its inhabitants into Market street. The crowd was enormous at 2:50 o'clock when Chief Marshal Dumoulin gave the word from his coupe that the line should move. It was a welcome command and the column moved south to Eighth street to Cleveland avenue to Third street to Market and down Market to the scene of the afternoon's exercises. The column was headed by a platoon of police under Sergeant Joseph Welland. The following members of the department formed the platoon: Patrolmen Kincaid, Willis, Blake, Grossklaus, Piero, Zimmerman, Mortensen and Lehns.

Assistant Marshal Henry Harbert and Lieutenant Charles A. Waechter directed the parade. Following the police was Chief Marshal Dumoulin and then came the commanderies and societies, Col. Winom and staff leading. In Col. Winom's staff were: Lieut. Col. Martin, of Akron; Major Foster, Massillon; Major James Sell, Canton; P. J. Conlin, Alliance; Commissary J. J. McLaughlin, Akron; Commissary William Crona, Massillon; Aid-camp, Ed. Erie, Massillon; Peter Obinger, Canton; and J. B. Juegens, of Canal Dover. The parade was formed as follows:

Thayer Military Band.  
Col. Joseph Winom and Staff.  
Sixth District Knights of St. John in full dress uniform, in order of the district, with the following commanderies in line:  
St. John's Commandery, No. 205, Canton, Capt. Joseph Berg commanding.  
St. George Assembly, No. 6, Akron, Capt. J. V. Kraus commanding.  
Akron Commandery, No. 42, Akron, Capt. Fred S. Smith commanding.  
St. John's Commandery, No. 51, Massillon, Capt. Seb. Hamel commanding.  
St. John's Commandery, No. 277, Navarre, Capt. August Starnal commanding.  
St. John's Commandery, No. 294, Alliance, Capt. Joseph P. Blanchard commanding.  
St. John's Commandery, No. 37, Canal Dover, Capt. John Shane commanding.  
Reeves' Military Band.

Branch 7, C. M. B. A., Canal Dover.  
Branch 1, C. M. B. A., Alliance.  
Branch 3, C. M. B. A., Louisville.  
Branch 4, C. M. B. A., Massillon.  
Branch 38, C. M. B. A., Massillon.  
Catholic Order of Foresters, Massillon.  
Branch 47, C. M. B. A., West Brookfield.  
Branch 77, C. M. B. A., Canal Fulton.  
Branch 18, C. M. B. A., Navarre.  
Branch 20, C. M. B. A., Doylestown.  
K. O. T. M. Military Band, Akron.  
Branch 14, C. M. B. A., Akron.  
Branch 37, C. M. B. A., Akron.  
Branch 78, C. M. B. A., Akron.  
Catholic Knights of Ohio, Akron.  
Catholic Young Men's Society, Akron.  
Other Societies from Akron.  
Band.  
Branch 1, C. M. B. A., Alliance.  
Branch 3, C. M. B. A., Louisville.  
St. Louis Society, Louisville.  
Visiting Fraternal and Benevolent Societies, not placed.  
Branch 2, C. M. B. A., Canton.  
Branch 10, C. M. B. A., Canton.  
St. Peter's Benevolent Society, Canton.  
St. Joseph's Benevolent Society, Canton.  
Non-Uniformed Members Knights of St. John, Canton.  
C. Y. M. A., Canton.  
Catholic Order of Foresters, Canton.  
Miscellaneous Fraternal and Benevolent Societies.

There were 200 awards in line and a most inspiring sight the Knights made in their handsome black uniforms and snow white flowing plumes. As the line passed along the streets with bands playing and with beautiful specimens of "Old Glory" hung to the breeze, the great crowd lining the thoroughfare could scarcely repress their plaudits. It was estimated that at least 3,000 men were in line while the great crush of people in and along the streets must have numbered fully 20,000 more. At the church there was a veritable sea of faces about the grounds and in the street. For blocks the street was almost

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## ONLY POLITICAL.

That Is What Otis Says, But the  
Prisoners Are Free  
Just the Same.

Special to News-Democrat.

Washington, Oct. 2.—A cablegram has been received from General Otis confirming the press dispatches of the surrender of prisoners by Filipinos. Gen. Otis expresses the opinion that this action is only a political play on the part of Aguinaldo for recognition. The cablegram was sent to the president and will probably be considered at the next cabinet meeting. All of it was not made public by General Corbin.

DEATH CLAIMED  
JACOB C. WELTY.

The Octogenarian Father of Hon.  
John C. Welty of This City.

## WELLKNOWN IN STARK COUNTY.

After But a Short Serious Illness the For-  
mer Cantonian and Friend of Joseph  
Medill Passes Away Interm-  
ed in Massillon Cemetery.

Jacob Welty, one of the best known citizens of Stark county, died at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. C. Welty, of Beach City, Monday morning at 1:10 o'clock. Mr. Welty has been in feeble health for some months but his condition became serious only within the past ten days. His only surviving son, Attorney John C. Welty, of this city, went to Beach City Wednesday and remained at his father's bedside until the end.

Jacob T. Welty was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, November 22, 1815, so that had he lived until that date next month he would have been 84 years of age. He came to Stark county in 1835, settled on a farm near Sandyville. In his younger days he taught school in the neighborhood of his home. Hon. Joseph Medill, who afterward became the famous editor of the Chicago Tribune, lived on a farm adjoining the Welty farm and Mr. Medill who also taught school at that time, and Mr. Welty were fast friends. The friendship continued throughout the lifetime of the Chicago journalist. Mr. Welty became a tiller of the soil and remained on the farm near Sandyville for 20 years then moving on the farm near Beach City, where he died. Mr. Welty lived for six or eight years in the house now occupied by John C. Duerber in North Market street, which he owned. After his children had grown up and were married Mr. and Mrs. Welty returned to the farm. Mrs. Welty and two children survive. They are Attorney John C. Welty, of Canton, and Mrs. Ellen Naylor, of La Grange, Ind. Two grand children, Per Lee Welty, of Canton, and Dr. C. F. Welty, of Cleveland, also survive.

Mr. Welty was a consistent member of the Lutheran church. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at Beach City, interment following in the family lot in Massillon cemetery.

## FORAKER COMING.

Finally Decides to Enter the  
Campaign and Predicts  
Victory.

Special to News-Democrat.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Senator Foraker, who is here to participate in the Dewey celebration, will leave for Ohio October 5th, in order to re-enter the campaign at Cadiz, October 7th.

"Republican prospects in Ohio are improving daily," he said, "and I look forward with absolute certainty to the election of Judge Nash. Everyone realizes, no matter how wrong the war may be, that there is only one thing for the U. S. to do, and that is to establish American sovereignty. All Republicans stand with the administration on that point. As between the American flag and the Philippine flag there can be only one choice. We must stand by our own colors."

## HAY RETURNS

To Washington and May at Once  
Take Up the Alaskan  
Question.

Special to News-Democrat.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Secretary of State Hay returned to Washington today and resumed the work of his office. He made it a point to be here today in order that he may be with the president in the welcome to Dewey. It is intimated that the secretary will at once take up the Alaskan boundary question and that England will be asked for a statement of the case from her point of view.

## HARRISON'S WATCH.

Celebrated Timepiece May Be  
Returned to Its Owner by  
a Crook.

Special to News-Democrat.

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 2.—Edward Wilson was arrested here yesterday on the charge of burglary. He told Chief of Police Reeder that in exchange for his freedom he would conduct the chief to the place where is secreted the famous watch stolen from Ex-President Harrison five years ago. He claimed that it is buried near Akron, Ohio. The time piece is worth more than \$1,000.

NAVARRE  
EXCITED.

Over the Disappearance of Two  
School Girls from Pleasant  
Homes.

## SECURED SOME MONEY

And Are Said to Have Been Seen  
Going Towards Bolivia

## WITH A YOUNG MAN.

Relatives of the Girls Are Distracted and  
Cannot Understand Why the Girls  
Should Have Left Home—Have  
Been Very Close Friends  
at School.

Special to News-Democrat.

Navarre, O., Oct. 2.—Last Saturday night at about ten o'clock Geneva Swaller and Mentie Smith suddenly left for parts unknown. The two girls mentioned with this sensational affair are two young school girls being about the age of 16 years and attending the Navarre high school. They have often been seen together, and rarely would they play with their school mates but would usually be together at some distant part of the ground. That the runaway had been contemplated there is no doubt and it was no surprise to some of our people when the facts had been made known. It appears that Geneva Swaller called upon her uncle William Swaller, late Saturday night, and asked him for ten dollars, saying that her grand-mother wanted the money. Mr. Swaller, who is taking care of his mother's business, gave the girl the money thinking nothing about it until Mrs. Swaller, the girl's grand-mother, with whom she is living, called at the residence of Mr. Swaller for the purpose of ascertaining if the girl was at his house. When Mrs. Swaller found out that the girl had got ten dollars on her account she became excited not knowing what it meant. She at once called upon Mrs. Ed. Smith, the mother of the other girl, knowing that they had been chums for a long time passed, to see if probably the girl was at her house spending the evening. Mrs. Smith told her that the girls had been there during the early part of the evening but had left saying that they would be back soon. Mrs. Smith then made a hasty examination and found that her daughter had taken all her clothes and a pocket book containing some money. When Mrs. Swaller returned home she also discovered that the Swaller girl had taken all her clothes, and five dollars belonging to Mrs. Swaller. Mrs. Swaller has been taking care of her together with a sister of her's who is some older. Their mother died when the girls were quite young. Up to this time they have not been able to find anything as to the whereabouts of the girls. Mr. Swaller and Marshal Keplinger have been telegraphing and telephoning in all directions with the purpose of running down the runaways. It has been ascertained that the girls were seen late Saturday night with a young man in a buggy going in the direction of Bolivia.

## CHILDREN BURNED.

Had Been Left Alone in the  
House, Which Caught  
Fire.

Special to News-Democrat.

Trimble, O., Oct. 2.—The house of Fred Exenhammer, three miles north of here, burned last night, and two children, the only occupants of the house, were burned to death. Exenhammer and his wife were absent, visiting a neighbor. The cause of the fire is unknown.

## IS IMPROVING.

John Dillon, Sr., Was Only Tem-  
porarily Indisposed at His  
Office.

John Dillon, Sr., was suddenly prostrated in his office Saturday evening. Physicians were summoned and it was first thought Mr. Dillon was suffering from a stroke of paralysis. It is learned today, however, that he was overcome by an acute attack of indigestion and is again able to be about.

## MARRIAGE PERMITS ISSUED.

Peter Fasuauch, 59,.....Hartsville  
Mary Ann Brouse, 61,.....Hartsville  
Jacob Biskel, 24,.....Alliance  
Rose Schievel, 19,.....Alliance  
Dr. Harry B. Garrigues, 46,.....Massillon  
Emily Lightner, 34,.....Massillon  
Harry B. Gregg, 21,.....Canton  
Mary B. Delanthy, 21,.....Canton  
John Schlemmer, 22,.....Canton  
Anna Mathele, 18,.....Canton  
Charles C. Bow, 27,.....Cleveland  
Cora Wheeler, 26,.....Alliance  
William Limbach, 28,.....Massillon  
Mary Matilda Bremkamp,.....Massillon  
Mrs. August Schuffenecker, of 829 South Market street, went to Chicago Monday on an extended visit to friends.